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SUBJECT: CISCO 2 - CAMPBELL TRIP

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1. ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL WHO ASSISTED IN RAISING FUNDS FOR CAMPBELL'S TRIP, FILM WHICH CAMPBELL HOPES TO SHOW PLF REPS IS DOCUMENTARY TAKEN BY BRITISH JOURNALISTS ROBERTS AND DOWNEY DURING THEIR VISITS TO ERITREA. PURPOSE OF SHOWING WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE TO PLF THAT FILM HAS ENHANCED THEIR IMAGE ABROAD AND THAT FURTHER FAVORABLE PUBLICITY COULD BE WON BY RELEASE OF CISCO 2 .

SINCE FILM WOULD PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE BY EPMG, AND IS PROBABLY CRITICAL OF USG POLICIES OF SUPPORT OF THAT GOVERNMENT, NEITHER EMB OFF NOR EMBASSY EMPLOYEE PROJECTIONIST SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ITS SHOWING. ON OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT BELIEVE

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CAMPBELLS SHOULD BE DENIED USE OF EMBASSY EQUIPMENT IF IT

IS OTHERWISE FEASIBLE TO LEND IT TO THEM AND ADEQUATE
ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

2. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO THE CAMPBELLS, AND BELIEVE THEY
UNDERSTAND, THAT IN ALL THEIR DEALINGS WITH PLF REPS OR
OTHERS THEY WILL BE ACTING AND SPEAKING ENTIRELY IN THEIR
PERSONAL CAPACITIES AND IN NO SENSE ON BEHALF OF THE USG,
AND THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR IN THEIR CONTACTS. IF

QUESTIONED BY MEDIA WE INTEND TO SAY THAT CAMPBELLS ARE
ON PERSONAL TRIP TO SEEK RELEASE OF STEVEN CAMPBELL AND
THE OTHER CAPTIVES. IF ASKED ABOUT USG ROLE IN TRIP, WE
INTEND TO SAY THAT WHILE WE HAVE PROVIDED LIMITED FACILI-
TATIVE ASSISTANCE (BRIEFINGS ON THE AREA, INTRODUCTIONS TO
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.), CAMPBELLS
WILL BE SPEAKING AND ACTING ENTIRELY ON THEIR OWN.
SUDANESE OFFICIALS SHOULD BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY.

3. FOR ADDIS: WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER AND
WHEN TO BRIEF EPMG ON CAMPBELLS' TRIP, DRAWING AS APPRO-
PRIATE ON ABOVE. KISSINGER

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